

Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind www.rochesterlionsclub.org

October, 2008 NEWSLETTER

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercres

President's Message...

Fellow Rochester Lions,

My favorite time of year... The leaves will start changing and bring a bonanza of color to our landscape, cool, crisp mornings bringing a freshness to the air, and the Rochester Lions' fundraising activities are starting to wind down.

On September 20th there was a training session at the Rochester Hills Public Library for the use of the eye exam machine for pre-school children. The actual exams will be held on February 14, 2009 at the Library. I

was gratified that 13 of us participated in the training session including Lions Eric Bothwell, Bill Claussen, Larry Cole, Jim Kemler, Diane Leach, Jim Leach, Tom Petterson, Laurie Pinkham, Glenn Sattelmeier, Arnold Sell, Bob Treppa, Jim Williams and particularly thank Lion Art Carlson for his assistance for this event.

The Annual Ken Lowes/Bob Sutton Memorial Golf Outing was held at Bald Mountain Golf Course on September 25th. After a late start, the golf committee consisting of Art Carlson, David Bates, George Newton, and John Cadieux, co-chaired by Bob Reid and David McKenzie/Celia Domalewski, rallied and made this a successful event. Assisting on the golf course and enjoying the beautiful weather were Arnold Sell and Marleen Stenroos; at registration were Sharon Whitmire, Diane Leach, Lois Reid, Betty Padilla, and Judy Tenjeras. All deserve a big thank you! Steve Shelton and Bob Ducharme were helpful with scoring. Eric Bothwell and Greg Blomstrom were everywhere doing photography. This was a team effort for a job well done in realizing a little over \$4,000 for our treasury.

The Brooksie Way Half Marathon will be held Sunday, October 5th. We are responsible for manning water station #6 which is very close to Dillman & Upton's Lumber Yard. The race begins at 8 a.m. at Meadowbrook. For everyone helping at this event, there will be much preparation to get ready for the runners and we need to be at our station no later than 7 a.m. The organizing committee estimates that we should be finished at approximately noon. We should also pray for good weather.

There have been some inquiries concerning the deck at the Community House. Unfortunately, due to the cost of the composite materials required for the deck and the status of other current obligations, we are unable to afford the deck this year. I have informed the Community House of this development and they understand. We do plan to meet our commitment to sponsor the Lions' Room however.

Lion Mike Gendich is still in the hospital following his surgery early in September. Mike requested no visitors or flowers but does appreciate all our prayers. Godspeed Mike....

Take time to "smell the roses" by enjoying the spectacular colors of fall.

Yours in Lionism,

David McKenzie

"A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking."

Jerry Seinfeld (1954-)



October Meeting Theme



District Events

Oct 4—Fraser Lions Club
"4th Annual October Fest & Pig
Roast"
See Flyer Inside Newsletter

Oct 5—Shelby Lions Annual Charity Car Show—Co-Hosted by the GMC Corvette Set—K of C Fairgrounds in Utica Contact Dave @ 586-784-8725 for more info or to register

Dec 4—Leader Dogs for the Blind—"Dinner of Dreams" To be held at San Marino More Details Later

Looking Ahead..



Oct 5—Brooksie Way Half Marathon
13.1 Mile Marathon Fund Raiser
Rochester Hills
Proceeds Benefitting Leader Dogs and Several Other
Oakland County Charities
RLC Manning Water Station
Contact PID Bill Hansen for more info or to sign up

Oct 6—Regular Meeting 6:30pm
Dinner Served Promptly at 7pm
Guest Speaker: Mary Jo Fresard—
Sunrise Assisted Living

Oct 13—RLC Board Meeting—7 pm Leader Dogs for the Blind—Polk Residence

Oct 20—Regular Meeting—"Thank You Dinner"
Leader Dogs for the Blind—Rochester
Honoring Major Supporters of Rochester Lions Club
6—6:30 pm Social Time
Dinner Served at 6:30 pm
Special Tours of Leader Dogs for the Blind
More Details Forthcoming at Next Meeting



Official Rochester Lions Club Photographer Greg Blomstrom

Lion Greg Blomstrom has kindly offered his services as our club's "official" photographer and videographer. Greg will also be assisting me from time to time with our Club Newsletter. Thanks so much, Greg...for your commitment and support.

Ed.

"I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."

Jack Benny



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have a birthday in October:

Lee Musson—Oct 1
Dale Burke—Oct 9
Ken Bilodeau—Oct 10
Sherry McBroom—Oct 14
Jim Williams—Oct 20
Gail Kemler—Oct 28

Wishing each of you...a very Happy Birthday!



September Meeting Updates....

Thank you again.. to all those who helped to make our Annual Picnic a great success on August 4 (see photos on page 6).

At our August 18 regular meeting Greg Blomstrom was our guest presenter...sharing with us more about his company, Sentimental Journey Productions...which specializes in professional videography services for both business and personal needs. And, coincidentally, Greg also submitted his application for membership in the Rochester Lions Club the same evening. Now, that's dedication folks. We think Greg's skills and ablities will be great assets to our Club. Lion Randy Whitmire is Greg's sponsor.



During the same regular meeting on August 18, Lawrie Pinkham was inducted into our Club. PID Lion Bill Hansen, did the honors with President David McKenzie

and Lion Pinkham's sponsor, Jim Kemler, assisting with the induction and presentation of our newest Lion. A sincere "welcome" to Lion Lawrie Pinkham. We're expecting great things from you, Lawrie!





Hot Off the Presses— Inter-Service Organization Dinner Coming Up!

Lion David McKenzie has just been notified that our Club will be the sponsor of an "Inter-Service" Dinner recognizing local service organizations in our community. Date, Time & Place for this event will be announced when we have all the info. Stay tuned...

Ed.





OU Community Business Fair— Very Successful for Rochester Lions Club

Lions David Bates and Randy Whitmire recently set up and manned our first Rochester Lions Club table space at the recent Oakland University "Community Business Fair" to welcome the new incoming OU freshmen class of 2008.

This was a golden opportunity to introduce OU students, both incoming freshmen and returning students, to Lionism. Our table space was "strategically" situated close to the Student Administration Office whereby the especially new students had to go...to confirm class schedules, books, fees, etc. As lines started to form...Lions Randy & David...plied their trade...introducing themselves and chatting up any and all students who would listen. And, just about all the students that were contacted that day...did patiently listen...and readily accepted our new Rochester Lions Club tri-fold brochure.

In addition, Lions Randy & David were also introduced to Administrative Director Jean Ann Miller (she'll be our Club's guest speaker on Dec 1) who expressed a serious interest in discussing the possibility of forming a separate faculty/student Lions Club Chapter at Oakland University. And, should that become a reality, our Club would of course play an integral part in helping to organize, mentor and guide the new OU chapter as it establishes itself. Stay tuned...for the next exciting episode.

Ed.







Planning Ahead..... Calling All Christmas Tree Decorators

It's not too early to start planning for our Christmas Season. Sharon Whitmire is our Rochester Lions Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair. All Lions, Lionesses, wives, etc. who are interested in joining Sharon's team...and helping to make our Club's Christmas tree entry unforgettable...and a Winner...should contact Sharon now at 248-930-7020 or via email: sfirstlady@earthlink.net





To Our Faithful Supporters... A Sincere "Thank You"

On October 20, 2008, at 6:00 pm at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, the Rochester Lions Club will "toast" and extend a formal "thank you" to the more than 80 important local supporters and sponsors in our community who have contributed to and supported our Club's fund-raising efforts over the years.

Lion Bob Treppa has led our Club's efforts to formally recognize all those who have helped to enrich the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, in our community who have taken advantage of all that our Club has been instrumental in providing (Leader Dogs for the Blind, Penrickton Institute for Blind Children, Rochester Community House, Neighborhood House (Food Pantry), Bear Lake Camp, Welcome Homes, etc.) Lion Treppa has also been ably assisted in the planning and execution of this "Thank You" event by Lions Bill Claussen, Eric Bothwell, Randy Whitmire, Dennis Scott, and Jim Leach.

If you have someone you feel should be identified as an important supporter of our Club, please contact Bob Treppa.

Never agree to plastic surgery if your doctor's office is full of portraits by Picasso





Annual Golf Outing Success!

The Rochester Lions Club annual "Lowes/Sutton Memorial Golf Outing" was, by all standards, another great success story. We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather. It was a gloriously beautiful day...with golfer participants playing the best they've ever played....for the worthy causes our Club supports throughout the year.



"The people who gave us golf and called it a game, are the same people who gave us bagpipes and called it music."





October Fest & Pig Roast

October 04, 2008
Fraser Lions Hall
34540 Utica Rd. Fraser, MI 48026
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
\$30.00 Donation Includes Food, Drinks &

The "Shawn Riley Band"

Live Entertainment From



*Raffles*Prizes*50/50*

For tickets call 586-634-9232 or visit:

Dale's Landscape 16720 13 Mile Rd. Roseville 778-1919

Foster's Towing 32535 Groesbeck, Fraser 293-8230

All Proceeds to Benefit Penrickton Center for the Blind and Fraser Local Charities

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...have a GREAT Day!!!

Life is short!
Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss Slowly!
Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably...

And never regret anything that made you smile.

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